

present time we are just putting a fee on tires, which I am supporting, but I don't think it is quite right just to put the burden on those. Also, we are charging a fee for small businesses and also the large businesses, which I don't think we go quite far enough, but sobeit. But I think if we would take a million and a half dollars out of the General Fund, why, it would certainly be appropriate. I realize, I was talking to two of my fellow colleagues that serve on the Appropriation Committee and they said, we can't do that, we don't have the money. Well, maybe our priorities are in the wrong place, and, Senator Moore, I wish you would consider that very deeply, very thoroughly, because I think we do...we need more money for a number of things. Research is one of them. We can incinerate and save a lot of energy with some of this waste if it is done in the proper way. Also, we need to help, and I am going to talk about small communities because I am more familiar with those than the large urban area, but a lot of these small towns need help with their landfills, and we know that more strict rules and regs are coming down from the federal government, and I am sure that we, in the State Legislature, will perhaps follow those. So that is why I am interested in coming up with more money. Also, a little bit later I will have a small tax on disposable diapers, which I certainly hope you consider, because that would bring in a little more money. So at this time, I am going to support Senator Morrissey's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce a couple of guests, please, under the south balcony. They are guests of Senator Dick Peterson. We have Mrs. Lear and Mrs. Adams from Norfolk, Nebraska. Would you ladies please stand so that we may welcome you. Appreciate your visiting us today. Senator Schimek, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, and members of the body, in a way, I hate to prolong this debate. I am thinking that Senator Johnson probably feels right now like he has been walking around in a roomful of chewed up bubble gum, and the more he walks around, the more his feet stick to the floor because he can't really seem to move this bill along. It just seems to have a life of its own, but I would like to rise in support of Senator Morrissey's amendment in favor of the concept, and I will tell you that I have an amendment which I have filed, which I may withdraw if this amendment passes. And the only reason I filed it, well, I filed it for several reasons. One is I am not sure that this body is going to approve that kind of an expenditure